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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE PRESS ON SOUTHERN RHODESIAN DEVELOPMENTS

1. NOTICIAS OCTOBER 20 GIVES FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE TO
BRITAIN'S DECISION NOT TO GRANT THE FRONT-LINE STATES
OBSERVER STATUS AT THE GENEVA TALKS. HOWEVER, NOTICIAS
QUOTES BRITISH SPOKESMAN AS SAYING THAT THE UK WAS
NO OPPOSED TO THE FRONT-LINE STATES SENDING MEMBERS OF
THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO GENEVA TO "FUNCTION AS POINTS OF
CONTACT WITH THE CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS, OUTSIDE OF
THE CONFERENCE ROOM."

2. SAME ARTICLE CONTAINS A MOZAMBIQUE INFORMATION
AGENCY REPORT ON ROBERT MUGABE'S OCTOBER 18 INTERVIEW
ON ZAMBIAN TV. ACCORDING TO AIM, MUGABE
---SAID THAT THE "SO-CALLED KISSINGER PLAN" IS
DESIGNED TO GUARANTEE THE CONTINUATION OF POLITICAL
POWER IN THE HANDS OF THE CURRENT RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT:
---REITERATED HIS REQUEST TO THE BRITISH THAT A
MINISTER BE NAMED TO CHAIR THE GENEVA CONFERENCE: AND
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---CRITICIZED "AS SUBVERSIVE" SMITH'S REQUEST THAT

THE MINISTRIES OF DEFENSE AND LAW AND ORDER BE CONTROLLED BY WHITES.

3. NOTICIAS DA DEIRA OCTOBER 78 CARRIES AN EXTREMELY CRITICAL EDITORIAL OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN INITIATIVE ON RHODESIA. EDITORIAL DECLARES THAT IN VIEW OF PAST U.S. SUPPORT FOR REACTIONARY REGIMES IN PORTUGUAL, VIETNAM, LAOS, AND CAMBODIA: "WHO BELIEVES THE U.S. HAS CHANGED FROM ONE DAY TO THE NEXT AND IS NOW GOING TO AID THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE TO OBTAIN THEIR FREEDOM? ONLY A FOOL WOULD BELIEVE SUCH A THING." EDITORIAL THEN ARGUES THAT THE ANGLO-AMERICAN SETTLEMENT ATTEMPT IS ONLY A MANEUVER TO SAVE IMPERIALIST ECONOMIC INTERESTS AND THAT GENEVA MEETING "IS AN IMPERIALIST CONFERENCE." "THE ONLY INTEREST THE IMPERIALIST HAVE IN THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE IS TO EXPLOIT THEM. THE IMPERIALISTS, IN THIS CASE THE UNITED STATES AND GREAT BRITAINJN ARE TRYING TO REMOVE SANCTIONS TO LUBRICATE THE MACHINERY OF EXPLOITATION." EDITORIAL CONTINUES THAT IMPERIALIST ARE MISTAKEN TO THINK THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO DECEIVE ZIPA. "ZIPA WILL NOT STOP FIGHTING BECAUSE OF THESE IMPERIALISTIC MANEUVEGS. THE STRUGGLE WILL CONTINUE UNTIL FINAL VICTORY IS ACHIEVED."

4. COMMENT: NOTICIAS DA BEIRA IS MOST RADICAL OF MOZAMBIQUE'S TWO DAILIESS. IT HAS CONSISTENTLY OPPOSED THE U.S. INITIATIVES IN RHODESIA AND HAS FREQUENTLY EDITORIALIZED AGAINST IT.
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